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concerns about LB 1083 and whether, in fact, there would be appropriate places for people to receive services, I want you to think in terms of the one very, very basic of life is shelter over your head so that, in fact, you can stay in the community and receive the services that we are restructuring for them. I see that as a very crucial piece to LB 1083, and I ask for your advancement. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. You've heard the closing on AM3059. The question before the body is, shall AM3059 be adopted to FA1579? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. The question before the body is the Redfield amendment, AM3059, to FA1579. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 34 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Redfield's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful. The amendment has been adopted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Jensen would move to amend with AM3102. (Legislative Journal page 1055.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Jensen, to open on AM3102 to FA1579.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. This amendment also is a very important part of the total package of behavioral health reform, and I'd like to ask you to consider this at this point. It represents the committee amendments of LB 710 which was actually introduced last year, and I apologize, the amendment is quite lengthy; however, most of it is recodification. It is intended primarily as a nonsubstantive recodification of the Nebraska Mental Health Commitment Act, with substantive changes, as I'll briefly describe. By the way, we have...in the state we have the three mental health hospitals. We have 28 mental health commitment boards scattered across the state. And we have had county attorneys from time to time and other individuals bring questions about this act, and so it is appropriate at this time that we address that. The amendment has been distributed quite